

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims pending in the Application are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A flowability improver for engineering plastics which comprises a polymer (A) comprising 50 to 99.5% by mass of aromatic vinyl monomer unit (a1), 0.5 to 50% by mass of (meth)acrylate monomer unit (a2) having an ester group of phenyl group or substituted phenyl group and 0 to 40% by mass of other monomer unit (a3) (a total of the units (a1) to (a3) is 100% by mass) and having a weight average molecular weight of 5000 to 150000.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The flowability improver for engineering plastics according to claim 1, wherein the weight average molecular weight of the polymer (A) is 5000 to 100000.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The flowability improver for engineering plastics according to claim 1, wherein the polymer (A) comprises 50 to 99.5% by mass of the aromatic vinyl monomer unit (a1) and 0.5 to 50% by mass of the (meth)acrylate monomer unit (a2) having an ester group of phenyl group or substituted phenyl group.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The flowability improver for engineering plastics according to claim 1, wherein the (meth)acrylate monomer unit (a2) is phenyl methacrylate unit.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The flowability improver for engineering plastics according to claim 1, wherein the polymer (A) is obtained by suspension polymerization or emulsion polymerization.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A thermoplastic resin composition provided by mixing the flowability improver for engineering plastics according to claim 1 with an engineering plastics (B).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 6, wherein 0.1 to 30 parts by mass of the flowability improver for engineering plastics are mixed with 100 parts by mass of the engineering plastics (B).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the engineering plastics (B) is a polycarbonate-type resin.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A molded article provided by injection molding the thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 6.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A member for automobiles provided by injection molding the thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 6.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A lamp cover provided by injection molding the thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 6.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A flowability improver for engineering plastics according to claim 1 which comprises a polymer (A) comprising 75 to 99.5% by mass of aromatic vinyl monomer unit (a1), 0.5 to 25% by mass of (meth)acrylate monomer unit (a2) having an ester group of phenyl group or substituted phenyl group.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A flowability improver for engineering plastics according to claim 1 which comprises a polymer (A) comprising 75 to 90% by mass of aromatic vinyl monomer unit (a1), 10 to 25% by mass of (meth)acrylate monomer unit (a2) having an ester group of phenyl group or substituted phenyl group.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A flowability improver for engineering plastics according to claim 1 which comprises a polymer (A) comprising 60 to 99.5% by mass of aromatic vinyl monomer unit (a1), 0.5 to 40% by mass of (meth)acrylate monomer unit (a2) having an ester group of phenyl group or substituted phenyl group.